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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Judge in the above settlement case:

I am a user of the OS/2 operating system from IBM. I have found this to be a technologically superior product over the operating systems offered by Microsoft, including their latest version, Windows XP. Unfortunately, OS/2 has been in decline for a number of years from what I believe to be unfair monopolistic marketing tactics of Microsoft. As a result, vendors of OS/2 related products have also diminished over the years. Contrary to arguments by Microsoft that their products encourage competition, I believe the opposite is true; that Microsoft's marketing practices actually discourages competition and stunts technological growth. To believe that Microsoft is anything BUT a monopoly in the micro-computer market, is nonsense. Looking at anyone's PCs or any companies micro-servers will tell you otherwise and the truth.

Consequently, I do not believe the Federal Government's proposed settlement with Microsoft, in its current form, is inadequate and that stricter measures be imposed on the company to prohibit such tactics from being used in the future. I believe the proposed settlement fails to achieve the necessary goals of a proper remedy: halting Microsoft's illegal conduct, promoting competition in the industry, and depriving Microsoft of its illegal gains.

I would be happy to discuss those controls if you need input from the "regular public" that has to suffer through the Microsoft monopoly environment.

Sincerely,
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